

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
JULY 16, 1999

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, July 16, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in the Azalea A room of the Beau Rivage Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Members present: Yvonne Brown, Sara Fox, Joanna Heidel, Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, Patricia Puckett, William Seal, and George Walker.

Members absent: Billy Hewes and Hazel Terry.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Denise Walley, Dr. Evelyn Webb, and Frankie Walton White.

Guests in attendance: Mrs. Delores Sumrall, Chairman of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Trustees; Mr. James Cerra, Trustee from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; Dr. Charles Chance, President of Northeast Mississippi Community College; Dr. Ted Alexander, President of Pearl River Community College; Dr. Tommy Davis, President of East Mississippi Community College; Mr. Jack Harper, Trustee from Mississippi Delta Community College; Dr. Bobby Garvin, President of Mississippi Delta Community College; Mr. Troy Holliday, Trustee from Northeast Mississippi Community College; Dr. Willis Lott, President of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; Dr. David Cole, President of Itawamba Community College; Mr. David Armstrong and Mr. Kenny Duff, representing Forrest General Hospital and the Hattiesburg School of Radiologic Technology; Mr. Curtis Davis; Mrs. Cynthia Davis; Mr. Jimmy Davis, and Mrs. Jill Davis.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 10:00 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Yvonne Brown.

Approval of Minutes of June 17, and 18, 1999, Board Meetings

On a motion by John Junkin and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 17, and 18, 1999, meetings.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of two items, Approval of Purchases in Excess of \$10,000 under the Finance Report, and under section VI. Other Business, Appointment to the Board on County Jail Officer Standards and Training.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Walker asked that, starting with the State Board members, all present state their name and affiliation.

Mr. Walker recognized Mr. Curtis Davis, retiring Chairman of the Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration (CPSCR). On behalf of the SBCJC, Mr. Walker presented Mr. Davis with a plaque and resolution of commendation in recognition of his service to the Commission from July 1992 to June 1999.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray welcomed Dr. Charles Chance, the new president of Northeast Mississippi Community College.

Dr. Ray reported that a time line is being developed to complete the work of the SBCJC Funding and Formula Study Committee. The Committee will be working closely with the community and junior college presidents.

Dr. Ray also reported that the Mississippi.Future.Net is nearing completion of a report that will support the idea that Mississippi must take a proactive position in dealing with technology issues. One aspect of the report will detail reorganizing existing resources in a better way, including closer relationships between universities and community colleges.

Dr. Ray reported that he and Nancy Alley had a good meeting with the Mississippi Manufacturers Association's Industrial Services Committee to discuss workforce consolidation efforts.

Dr. Ray reported that a target date of January 2000, has been set for comprehensive course offerings via the Virtual Community College. He also reminded the Board that a representative group from the SBCJC and community and junior colleges would be traveling to Oregon and Washington to visit successful virtual college consortia.

Dr. Ray stated that he is continuing to work with Dr. Clinton Bristow on scheduling a visit to Alcorn State University for a future SBCJC meeting.

Dr. Ray reminded Board members to complete their Statement of Economic Interest form and submit it to the Mississippi Ethics Commission, if they had not done so already.

Dr. Ray announced that Dr. Eddie Smith, president of East Central Community College had announced his retirement effective June 30, 2000.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC Report

Dr. Ted Alexander reported on the following items discussed during the last meeting of the

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Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the MACJC Legislative Planning Workshop:

Dr. Alexander distributed copies of the agenda for the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Trustees meeting for the Board's information.

The Association is preparing to develop an informational initiative to highlight community and junior colleges. The Association voted to contract with the Godwin Group in developing the image campaign.

Dr. Alexander announced the appointment of the MACJC Legislative Committee for the upcoming year: Dr. Clyde Muse, Chairman, Dr. David Cole, Dr. Tommy Davis, Dr. Howell Garner, Dr. Bobby Garvin, Dr. David Haraway, Dr. Eddie Smith, Dr. Ron Whitehead, and Dr. Ted Alexander, ex-officio member.

The Association voted unanimously to hold Regional Legislative Meetings in which they present their budget request priorities identified during the annual Legislative Planning Workshop.

The Association received an update on the History of Community and Junior Colleges Project.

The Association voted to hold the 2000 MACJC Legislative Planning Workshop in Tunica, Mississippi.

Dr. Alexander reported on the MidSouth Partnership for Rural Community Colleges Initiative which will, if successfully completed, provide five additional degree programs (Master of Science in Workforce Education, Master of Arts in Community College Teaching, Master of Science in Adult Developmental Education, Master of Science in Technology Management, and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Community College Leadership) at the university level that will assist in training community and junior college leadership that will be needed in the near future.

EdNet Report

Yvonne Brown distributed a copy of information updating the ongoing activities of EdNet (Exhibit A). Mrs. Brown reported that the first three Local Origination Sites (LOS) for programming to be constructed will be the Board of Education, University of Mississippi Medical Center, and Hinds Community College. Also, the joint engineering committee is examining the costs associated with the LOS at Delta State University and Alcorn State University and the possibility of using the Interactive Video Network (IVN) that is already in place. The construction phase of building transmitting systems have been developed and is now being implemented. Three community colleges, Hinds Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, and Northeast Mississippi Community college are involved in this phase.

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Finance Report

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve the August, 1999, General Fund Disbursements from Fund 2298 in the amount of \$7,114,374 (Exhibit B).

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 31, 1999, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Fund 4080 and Fund 4100 in the total amount of \$2,376,945 (Exhibit C).

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve Bond Projects under H. B. 1675 (Exhibit D).

Mrs. Fox presented the following reports, requiring no action, for the Board review:

Recap of FY 1999 Support Expenditures (Exhibit E)
Student Tuition and Fees per Semester for FY 2000 (Exhibit F)
Financial Statements for Fund 2291, 3291, and 4300 (Exhibit G).

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted to approve the purchase of services from Cross Road Consulting, Inc., for the Data Migration of the GED database, re-write of the existing GED Testing System, and upgrade to the Workforce MIS System in the amount of \$63,070 (Exhibit H).

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to purchase equipment to upgrade the CCN network and service warranties from ATS Telephone & Data Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$21,052 (Exhibit I).

Program Committee

Upon a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request for a Medical Radiologic Technology program for the Pearl River Community College's Hattiesburg location.

Upon a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted to approve a request for an Avionics Technology Program at Hinds Community College. (Voting Yes - Seal, Puckett, Brown, Walker, Heidel, Fox and Hudspeth. Voting No - Junkin.)

Upon a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College for a Process Operating Technology Program and an Instrumentation Technology Program contingent on a review of the course curriculum and assurance from Dr. Lott that operating funds are available.

Mrs. Heidel reported that correspondence had been received from Holmes Community College regarding their request for approval of a Construction Trades Program. Holmes is not ready to implement the program at this time and will resubmit the request next year.

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Workforce Education

Mr. Walker updated the Board on the activities of the State Workforce Development Council. A consultant for the Department of Economic and Community Development made a presentation of a study of the Mississippi Telecommunications Industry. Mr. Walker also read part of an article that addressed Mississippi industries' skills shortages and the State's efforts to combat the situation.

Mr. Walker also gave a report on the Federal Workforce Investment Act and a meeting of the Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Walker discussed with the Board the designated service delivery areas selected by the Workforce Investment Board and stated that the designations had been approved by the Governor.

Mr. Walker discussed with the Board the upcoming Legislative Budget Office Hearings for community and junior colleges, the SBCJC, and the State Workforce Development Council.

Upon a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Henry Hudspeth the Board voted unanimously to hold their September 17, 1999, meeting in Jackson.

Employment of an Attorney to Review and Advise the Board on the Attorney General's Opinion

Dr. Olon Ray stated that he had received a letter from Attorney General, Mike Moore, authorizing the SBCJC to employ private legal counsel with regard to investigating the Board's options regarding the Official Attorney General's Opinion issued on November 12, 1998. Dr. Ray recommended that Chairman Walker appoint a committee to work with him in selecting legal counsel for the Board. Mr. Walker requested that John Junkin and Sara Fox serve on the committee to work with Dr. Ray. Mr. Walker will serve as an ex-officio member.

ACCT Membership Renewal

Dr. Olon Ray suggested that action on the renewal of the SBCJC's ACCT Membership be deferred until the August, 1999, meeting.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Walker asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by Patricia Puckett, seconded by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement of travel expenses for George Walker for attending the State Workforce Development Council meeting on July 14, 1999, and for Yvonne Brown for attending the Oregon/Washington consortium visit on July 25 through August 1, 1999.

Other Business

Upon a recommendation by Dr. Olon Ray, a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Joanna Heidel, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Ken Winter to serve a two year term on the Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training.

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Mr. Walker recognized Mrs. Delores Sumrall, Chairman of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Trustees' Association. Mrs. Sumrall invited and urged the Board to attend the MACJCT annual meeting that will convene at 3:00 p.m. today. Mrs. Sumrall also urged the Board to continue their membership in ACCT.

Sara Fox asked that, in the future, when the opportunity to appoint persons to serve on various Boards and Commissions arises that the Board members be notified in advance, so that they might have input to recommend qualified individuals for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by William Seal and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



George Walker, Chairman

Olon E. Ray
Executive Director